

## REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification. Removal of objection is respectfully requested.

The amended claim 1 defines and said first R-channel being aligned with said second R-channel under a condition that when the switching device is removed from said R-channel assembly and said collimator assembly, there is no add/drop function thereof.

Differently, In Cai the drop filter (310) and the add (380) are NOT aligned with each other. Accordingly once the switch (360) is removed therefrom, the whole system performs an add/drop function rather than a by-pass function. Oppositely, when the switch is located around the filters (310, 380) and performs the switch function, the whole system perform the by-pass function.

Therefore, the structure and the operation way of Cai are clearly different from those of the instant invention defined in the amended claim 1. Claim 1 as amended, is believe to patentably distinguish over the cited references, and in condition for allowance. Other independent claims 11, 15 and 21 also cite the similar limitations, and are also in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 3-9, 12-14, 16-17, and 22-23 are also allowable by reason of their dependencies upon the corresponding independent claims, respectively.

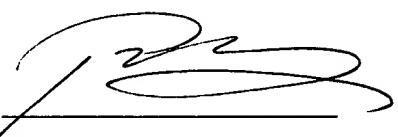
Applicant has made an earnest effort to put the subject application in condition for allowance. Allowance, passage and issuance of the claims are

respectfully requested.

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